

(d) Remarks

Claims 8-16 have been cancelled and replaced by new claims 17-19.

Support for new claim 17 is found at Examples 1 and 2; support for claim 18, Examples 5, 7, 16 and 17; and support for claim 19, Examples 16 and 17. Consideration of the claims is expressly requested. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Former claims 8-16 were rejected under Rule 112, second paragraph. This rejection is deemed moot and should be withdrawn due to the cancellation of claims 8-16.

Former claims 8-16 were rejected as anticipated by Onikubo '859. Former claims 8, 10, 11, 13 and 15 were rejected as anticipated by Nakatsuka '933. Former claims 8-16 were also rejected as obvious over Hosokawa '966 or Onikubo '859. Finally, former claims 8-13 and 15 were rejected as obvious over Nakatsuka '933. The rejections have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 8-16.

New claim 17 is characterized by the present compounds 40a or 71b.

Compound 40a is an oligomer with three fluorenylene repeating units and is terminated at each end by a N-tolyl, N-phenanthryl amino group. Compound 71b is an oligomer with four fluorenylene repeating groups and is terminated at each end by a N-tolyl-N-anthryl amino group. The references of record fail to teach or suggest such compounds.

It is noted that compound F-42 in paragraph [0076] on page 47 of the Nakatsuka '933 Translation is a fluorenylene oligomer with three repeating units, but with no anthryl or phenanthryl substitution on each terminal amino group.

Wherefore, the claims should be allowed and the case passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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